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Response to Office Action

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

This paper is intended to be fully responsive to the office action mailed on June 29, 2001.

In the office action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement directing the applicant to restrict the claims to a single **figure**.

Applicant elects Figure 5A.

Amendment

✓ Please cancel claims 4, 5, and 31-33 without prejudice.

Please cancel the second claim numbered '34' which occurs after claim 83, without prejudice

Remarks

Claims 4, 5, and 31-33 are directed to non-elected species, principally Figure 5B.

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